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AMEND CLEAN WATER MANAGEMENT TRUST FUND

SECTION 12.1. Subsections 13.26.(c), (d) and (e) of S.L. 2011-145 reads as rewritten:

~~**SECTION 13.26.(e)**~~ **SECTION 13.26.(c1).** The funds appropriated in this act to the Clean Water Management Trust Fund shall be allocated as follows:

- (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of G.S. 113A-253(d), the sum of three million dollars (\$3,000,000) shall be used for the 2011-2012 fiscal year and for the 2012-2013 fiscal year for the costs of administering the Clean Water Management Trust Fund, including costs to support the Board of Trustees of the Clean Water Management Trust Fund and its staff, the operating costs of the Board of Trustees of the Clean Water Management Trust Fund and its staff, and the costs of making debt payments to retire debt as provided under G.S. 113A-253(c);
- (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of G.S. 113A-253(c) and G.S. 113A-254, the sum of one million five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000) shall be used for the 2011-2012 fiscal year and for the 2012-2013 fiscal year for State matching funds for the Readiness and Environmental Protection Initiative and any other United States Department of Defense program that provides for military buffers and protects the overall military training mission; and
- (3) ~~The sum of six million two hundred thousand dollars (\$6,250,000) shall be used for the 2011-2012 fiscal year and for the 2012-2013 fiscal year for the costs for wastewater projects, water quality restoration projects, minigrants, conservation easements, and stormwater projects consistent with the provisions of Article 18 of Chapter 113A of the General Statutes.~~

~~**SECTION 13.26.(d)** The funds allocated under subdivision (1) and subdivision (3) of subsection (c) of this section shall not be used for land acquisition; however, the funds allocated under subdivision (3) of subsection (c) of this section may be used to purchase conservation easements. Notwithstanding the provisions of G.S. 113A-253(e) and G.S. 113A-254, the funds allocated under subdivision (2) of subsection (c) of this section may be used for land acquisition.~~

~~**SECTION 13.26.(e)** Any funds that become available to the Clean Water Management Trust Fund during the 2011-2012 fiscal year and the 2012-2013 fiscal year that are in excess of the funds allocated under subsection (c) of this section for that fiscal year shall be used as provided in subdivision (1) and subdivision (3) of subsection (c) of this section.~~

SECTION 13.26 (e2). Any funds not needed to implement subdivision (1) under subsection (c1) of this section and any other funds that become available to the Clean Water Management Trust Fund during FY 2012-13 may be used in accordance with G.S 113A-253(c).

ESTABLISH NORTH CAROLINA GLOBAL COMPETITIVENESS RESERVE ACCOUNT

SECTION 6.5(a). Article 4 of Chapter 143C is amended by adding a new section to read:

“§ 143C-4-3.1 North Carolina Global Competitiveness Reserve Account.

(a) Creation and Source of Funds. – The North Carolina Global Competitiveness Reserve Account is established as a reserve in the General Fund. The State Controller shall reserve to the North Carolina Global Competitiveness Reserve Account one-fourth of any unreserved fund balance, as determined on a cash basis, remaining in the General Fund at the end of each fiscal year.

(b) Use of Funds. – The funds in the North Carolina Global Competitiveness Reserve shall be used by the Secretary to secure transformational business expansion projects of statewide or regional significance and to fund the cost of site infrastructure for major economic development projects.

(c) Use of Funds. – Funds Appropriated – Funds reserved to the North Carolina Global Competitiveness Reserve are hereby appropriated.

SECTION 6.5(b). Subsection a of this section becomes effective 30th of June 2012.

COMPREHENSIVE REEMPLOYMENT INITIATIVE

SECTION 13.1. There is appropriated from the Worker Training Trust Fund to the North Carolina Department of Commerce Division of Workforce Solutions the sum of five million dollars (\$5,000,0000) for the 2012-2013 fiscal year to fund a Comprehensive Reemployment Initiative to move unemployment insurance recipients to employment. The goal of the initiative shall be to reduce the length of time unemployed workers receive unemployment benefits, reduce the state’s debt to the federal government, move the Reserve Fund toward solvency, and guide and assist benefit recipients toward employment in demand occupations. The initiative shall include requirements that:

- (1) Unemployment insurance benefit recipients participate in a reemployment assessment and eligibility process shortly after their receipt of initial benefit payments.
- (2) Results of the assessment be used to develop a reemployment plan for the recipient.
- (3) The reemployment plan include assistance from among the following areas:
 - a) Intensive job search and placement services.
 - b) Career Readiness Certification and related training.
 - c) Career counseling.
 - d) Support for short-term training in demand occupations at Community Colleges.
 - e) Placement in work-based learning opportunities to include Opportunity NC, On-the-Job Training, Work Experience, and Internships
 - f) Support services to include transportation and childcare assistance
- (4) Performance metrics be established and tracked to gauge effectiveness and impact.

The Department of Commerce Division of Workforce Solutions shall develop and implement the Reemployment Initiative in consultation with the Department of Community Colleges, the N.C. Commission on Workforce Development, and the Department of Commerce Division of Employment Services. Funds for the initiative may be used to maintain and expand the Opportunity NC program, administer assessment tools including the Career Readiness Certification, support Community College 12 in 6 training opportunities, raise public awareness

of demand occupations, and provide necessary staffing support. Other resources from state and federal funds may leverage these funds in support of this initiative, including federal Workforce Investment Act funds, federal reemployment grant funds, and state employment security reserve funds.

INCREASE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR STATE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

SECTION 13.3. There is appropriated from the CDBG Revolving Loan Fund (Budget Code 64616, Fund 6416) the sum of one million seven hundred thousand dollars (\$1,700,000) to establish a Technical Assistance Fund within the Department of Commerce's Division of Community Development to help build state and local capacity to implement Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) activities. The primary purpose of the Technical Assistance Fund is to provide hands-on assistance to local governments to increase the state's drawdown rate of CDBG funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Fund uses are limited to what is allowed under Section 105 (a) (19) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, for the provision of technical and advisory services including training; development and distribution of technical information; and other methods of demonstrating and making available skills, information and knowledge to assist units of general local government in planning, developing, administering or assessing assistance related to CDBG funding.

INCREASE JDIG FEES

SECTION 13.8. Chapter 143B of the North Carolina General Statutes is rewritten as follows:

"§ 143B-437.55. Applications; fees; reports; study.

(b) Application Fee. – When filing an application under this section, the business must pay the Committee a fee of ~~five thousand dollars (\$5,000)~~ seven thousand five hundred (\$7,500). The fee is due at the time the application is filed. The Secretary of Commerce, the Secretary of Revenue, and the Director of the Office of State Budget and Management shall determine the allocation of the fee imposed by this section among their agencies. The proceeds of the fee are receipts of the agency to which they are credited.

§ 143B-437.58. Grant recipient to submit records.

(a) No later than March 1 of each year, for the preceding grant year, every business that is awarded a grant under this Part shall submit to the Committee an annual payroll report showing withholdings as a condition of its continuation in the grant program and identifying eligible positions that have been created during the base period that remain filled at the end of each year of the grant. Annual reports submitted to the Committee shall include social security numbers of individual employees identified in the reports. Upon request of the Committee, the business shall also submit a copy of its State and federal tax returns. Payroll and tax information, including social security numbers of individual employees and State and federal tax returns, submitted under this subsection is tax information subject to G.S. 105-259. Aggregated payroll or withholding tax information submitted or derived under this subsection is not tax information subject to G.S. 105-259. When making a submission under this section, the business must pay the Committee a fee of ~~one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500)~~ two thousand five hundred (\$2,500). The fee is due at the time the submission is made. The Secretary of Commerce, the Secretary of Revenue, and the Director of the Office of State Budget and Management shall

determine the allocation of the fee imposed by this section among their agencies. The proceeds of the fee are receipts of the agency to which they are credited.”

NER/COMMERCE/SET REGULATORY FEE FOR UTILITIES COMMISSION

SECTION x.x.(a) The percentage rate to be used in calculating the public utility regulatory fee under G.S. 62-302(b)(2) thirteen and a half-hundredths of one percent (0.135%) for each public utility's North Carolina jurisdictional revenues earned during each quarter that begins on or after July 1, 2012.

SECTION x.x.(b) The electric membership corporation regulatory fee imposed under G.S. 62-302(b1) for the 2011-2012 fiscal year is two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000).

SECTION x.x.(c) This section becomes effective July 1, 2012.

LEAKING PETROLEUM UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK CLEANUP FUNDS

SECTION 26.3(a) Effective July 1, 2012, G.S. 119-18(b) reads as rewritten:

(b) Proceeds. – The proceeds of the inspection tax levied by this section shall be applied first to the costs of administering this Article and Subchapter V of Chapter 105 of the General Statutes. The remainder of the proceeds shall be credited on a monthly basis to the ~~Highway Fund to be used for system preservation under the Department of Transportation in the highway maintenance program.~~ Commercial Leaking Petroleum Underground Storage Tank Cleanup Fund and the Noncommercial Leaking Petroleum Underground Storage Tank Cleanup Fund. If the amount of revenue in the Noncommercial Fund at the end of a month is at least five million dollars (\$5,000,000), one-half of the remainder of the proceeds shall be credited to the Noncommercial Fund and one-half of the remainder of the proceeds shall be credited to the Commercial Fund. If the amount of revenue in the Noncommercial Fund at the end of a month is less than this threshold amount, all of the remainder of the proceeds shall be credited to the Noncommercial Fund.